

Hale CE Year 4 Curriculum Information Autumn 2 2020



Below you can find information regarding the planned curriculum for Autumn 2.

English: As a class, we will be reading the fiction story: *Leon and the Place Between* by Angela McAllister. The children will use the book as a stimulus to write a secret diary recounting what happened in 'the place between'. Additionally, this half-term we will also look at poetry. We will focus on the poem *The Lost Lost-Property Office* by Roger McGough. The children will use the poem as a stimulus to write a group list poem. Grammar and punctuation will be taught alongside writing and will cover topics such as Standard English forms for verb inflections, conjunctions, possessive apostrophe with plural nouns, recognising the difference between plural and possessive 's' and inverted commas for direct speech. Reading will focus on discussing words and phrases, drawing inferences, predicting, summarising and identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.

Mathematics: This half-term, the children will continue to look at the topic of adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers. Also, during this half-term topics such as perimeter, multiplication and division will be covered. Additionally, the children will take part in daily times tables practice.

Science: This half-term, the children will look at the topic 'Sound'. This topic explores sound in terms of vibrations, volume, pitch and soundproofing. We will also explore how humans hear and what happens inside the ear. Alongside this, the children will be improving their skills around scientific investigations.

RE: This half-term, the children will explore the symbolism of light. This topic includes Christingle and the non-Christian topic of Hanukkah.

History: This half-term, the children will be looking at the Vikings and their influence on Britain. Alongside this, the children will continue to explore the relationship between the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons.

Geography: The children will be exploring human geography. This topic includes settlements, land use and economic activities such as trade.

French: The focus this half-term is on discussing family. The children will learn the words for family members (e.g. mother, father, sister and brother), how to introduce family members by name and age and discuss whether they have any siblings.

PSHE: This half-term, the children will continue to explore the topic of 'New Beginning'. This theme focuses on developing the children's knowledge, understanding and skills in four key social and emotional aspects of learning: empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation. Alongside this, the children will continue to partake in activities that focus on mindfulness.

Computing: The topic this half-term is 'Minecraft Challenges'. In this topic, the children will get to explore some Minecraft challenges and will be allowed to build their own Minecraft school.

Art & Design: This half-term, the children will continue looking at the formal elements of art. The formal elements of art include mark-making, reflection and symmetry.

Design Technology: The children will be using their design skills to create fastenings.

Music: In music, the children will use a glockenspiel to explore music.

PE: The children will be completing activities linked to a pentathlon in PE. They will take part in activities including speed bouncing, standing long jump, vertical high jump, throwing and shuttle running.

Additional information

- Book bags must be in each day. Children are heard reading as much as possible in school, but please take the time to read with your child daily for at least 10 minutes. This will boost their confidence and reading skills.
- Please encourage your child to use the Bug Club and to complete the associated reading activities.
- Spelling homework will be given out on a Friday and the children will be tested on these spellings the following Friday.
- Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies and an art shirt in school, clearly labelled.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in each day in case of a surprise PE lesson. PE lessons this half-term will usually be on a Tuesday.
- If you require any additional information or have any questions, please ask.